AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

I. Please replace the two consecutive paragraphs on page 5, lines 4-15, with the following two amended paragraphs:

The blade (20) has an axis, a cutting side (21), a blunt side, a pointed end and a pivot end. The pivot end defines a pivot hole (22) extending through the blade (20). A shoulder (23) formed on the pivot end of the blade (20) has a bevel shaped guiding edge (24) close to the cutting edge (21) and a driving edge (25) on the far end of cutting edge (21) perpendicular to the axis of blade (20). A pin catch (26) is formed between the cutting edge (21) and guiding edge (24).

The safety lock (30) is secured in the chamber (13) inside the handle (10) by the clamping force of the first and second halves (11, 12). In the preferred embodiment, the safety lock (30) is disposed ~~in~~ between the blade (20) and first half (11) and has a push plate (31) adjacent to a side opening of the handle (10), where the free end of the push plate (31) forms a raised head for pushing against the pivot end of the blade (20) to move the blade (20) into an open position.

II. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20, and ending on page 6, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

The holding blocks (14) installed in the chamber (13) of the handle (10), as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, are placed side by side at the back end or the middle section of the second half (12), forming a channel (16) for keeping the resilient pin (40) in position. Alternatively, the holding block (14) can be formed by multiple blocks inside the chamber (13) of the handle (10), as shown in Fig. 4, and arranged in two rows in alternate positions or in a one-on-one arrangement. These two rows of holding blocks [[(14')]] (14) form a channel (161) for keeping the base of the resilient pin (40) firmly in place. In a further embodiment, the holding block (14) can be a single block inside the chamber (13) of the handle (10) (not shown in the diagrams), where the inward facing end forms a channel (161) having an inward facing opening, as opposed to the closed other end, used for keeping the base of the resilient pin (40) firmly in place.

III. Please replace the paragraph page 6, beginning on line 16 and ending on line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

The inner walls of the resilient pin (40) and the handle (10) are designed to interlock against each other (not shown in diagram) for fixing the base of the resilient pin (40) inside the handle (10). The resilient pin (40) is fixed on one side of the base of the handle (10) ~~, where flanges (44) are formed, and the inner wall of the handle (10) has gaps (41) corresponding to the flanges (44), allowing these two adjacent walls to be interlocked against each other, such that one end of the resilient pin (40) can be fixed in the handle (10). Conversely, the flanges (44) can be formed on the inner wall of the handle (10) and the gaps (41) on the side wall of the resilient pin (40) for generating the same result as mentioned above~~.

IV. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22, and ending on page 8, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

When pulling out the blade (20) from the handle (10), as shown in Figs. 9 and 10, the blade (20) is first pulled out manually to a predetermined angle, and

the protruding point (27) ~~in~~ between the guiding edge (23) and the driving edge (25) is moved to the side of the free end of the resilient pin (40), such that the force of push plate (31) of the safety lock (30) pushing against the blade (20) is lessened, and therefore the recoiling force of the resilient pin (40) acts as a supplemental driving force to extend the blade (20) from the handle (10). When the blade (20) is pivoted to the front of the handle (10), the push plate (31) of the safety lock (30) engages the driving edge (25) of the shoulder (23) on the blade (20), and the free end of the resilient pin (40) extends to the pin catch (26) of the blade (20) for moving the blade (20) into open position, such that the user can hold on to the handle (10) and use the cutting edge (21) of the blade (20). When closing the knife, the user only has to press down the push plate (31) of safety lock (30) to cause the blade (20) to be released from the shoulder (23), such that the blade (20) can then be put back pivotally into the handle (10).